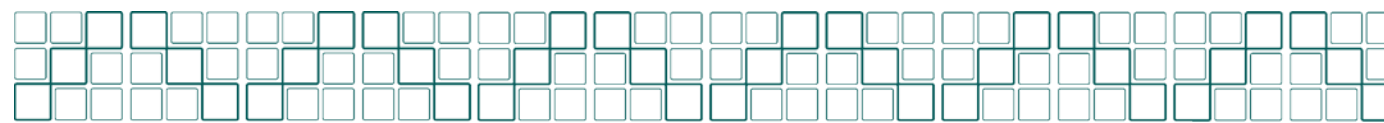

Preparing to Lead a Summer Journal Club - Summer 2013

Important Dates

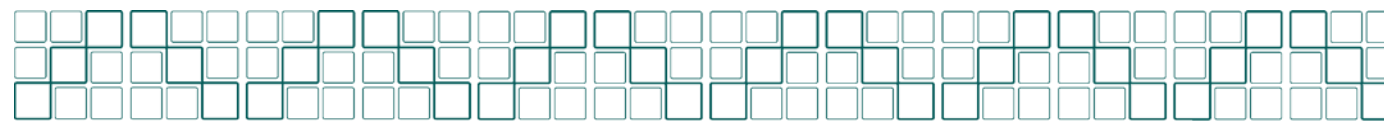
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What Is Required before You Apply to Lead a Summer Journal Club?

- Watch this Web meeting
- Attend workshop on “Tips for Mentoring a Summer Intern and Leading a Journal Club” or watch videocast
 - “Tips for Mentoring a Summer Student”, April 29th, 3:30-4:30pm, Bldg 50 Rm 1227
 - Watch videocast at <http://videocast.nih.gov/launch.asp?17241>
- Submit application form with journal club title, description, names of both co-leaders, the dates, times, and location(s)
 - YOU are responsible for finding a co-leader.
 - YOU are responsible for identifying a meeting place and reserving it. OITE will not be able to assist you in this.



What Is Required to Lead a Summer Journal Club?

- Provide your own materials and supplies
 - Select the articles to be presented/read (or approving student choices)
 - Provide a projector, laptop, etc
- Establish and maintain communication with enrolled students
 - Send reminders each week prior to the meeting
- Maintain an attendance list



Journal Club Details

- Start the week of June 24th
- End no later than August 2rd
- Meet a minimum of four (4) times and a maximum of six (6) times
- No more than ten (10) students per journal club



Important Dates

- **May 10th** – Journal club registration form due
 - Must have title, co-Leader, description, dates, times and location
 - Form can be found at www.training.nih.gov/
 - E-mail form to Rocio Benabentos at benabentosr@mail.nih.gov

- **June 17nd** – Journal club leaders given their student lists

- Week of **June 24th** – All journal clubs start



Questions?

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Preparing to Lead a Summer Journal Club

What you need to know and do

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Objectives

- Goals for journal club leaders and students
- Helpful information



What's in It for You?

- Experience
 - Teaching
 - Administering/organizing
 - Mentoring

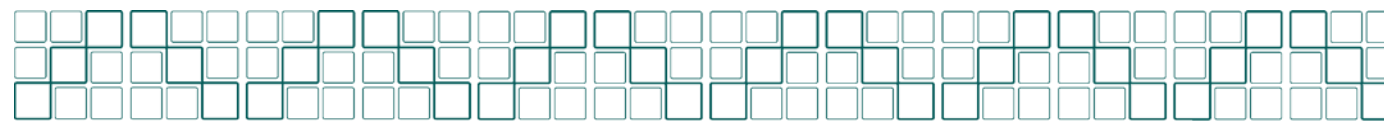
- Giving back
 - Passing along knowledge and wisdom
 - Encouraging the next generation

- Fun



Goals for Our Students

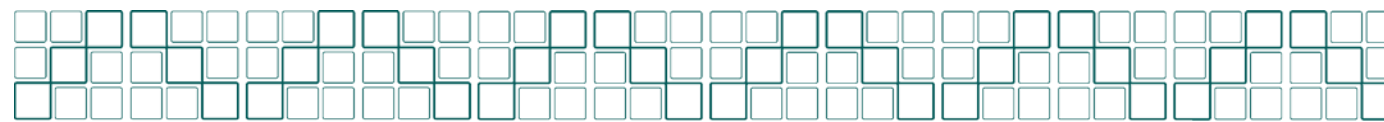
- Gain critical reading experience
- Learn about laboratory techniques
- Practice discussing scientific topics
- Gain deeper understanding of specific topics



Understanding Your Audience

- The level of experience for summer students varies
 - First summer doing research
 - Have been a summer student before
 - Have years of experience in a lab

- The level of education for summer students varies
 - High School students (16 years and up)
 - Community College/University Students
 - Medical/Dental Students



Picking a Topic

- Broad enough to be widely applicable
 - Not a journal club on your specific research
 - Needs to be interesting to broad spectrum of students
- Specific enough to have focus
 - Not “Cancer” or “AIDS”
 - Better: “Current trends in targeted therapies for breast cancer”
- Mainstream enough to attract students
 - Students will want to learn about something they have heard about.
 - The idea is to deepen their understanding.



Picking a Title

- Goal of a title
 - Gain the reader's attention
 - Help them determine if club is right for them
- Should accurately represent the topic
 - Should focus on the most marketable aspects
 - Should not be too vague or broad as to be misleading
- Does NOT have to be a word for word reiteration of the topic
 - Should convey what the topic will be
 - You can be creative...but don't get carried away



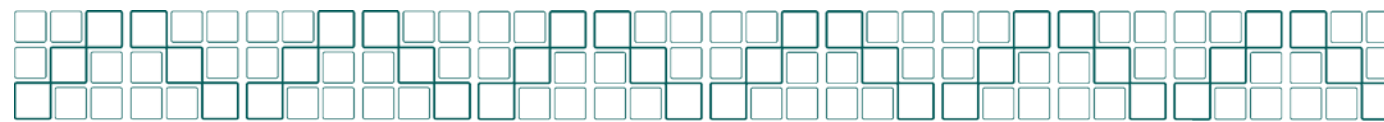
Finding a Co-Leader

- Pick someone dependable
- Start with who you know
 - Research group, collaborator, Lab, floor
 - Scientific Interest Group
- Send out a request via a listserv



Finding and Reserving a Room

- Know what you are looking for
 - Needs to accommodate 10-12 people
 - Needs to be able to house any AV you want to use
- Start with who you know
 - PI
 - Administrative staff
- Contact Events Management



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